

MINUTES
April 18, 2002

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Vice President Thomas at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a prayer led by Dr. Larry Wilder.
- ATTENDANCE Members present: Vice President Barbara Thomas, Members Delbert Cederquist, Dr. Allen Clyde, Charles Francis.
- Absent: Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Deputy Superintendents Daniel Pietro and Don Collins; Assistant Superintendent Larry Wilder, Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Armen Bacon, Rita Contreras, Jeanne Coyne, Dr. Donald Gregory, Char Nunn.
- AGENDA
Approved Vice President Thomas announced that a special recognition was added to the agenda right after the Special Education Better Speech and Hearing Resolution. Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.
- MINUTES

Approved Vice President Thomas raised a question regarding the deliberations of the April expulsion hearing and whether or not it was held in "open or closed session." Jan Biggs advised Vice President Thomas that all expulsion hearings are held in "closed session" however the ruling is held in "open/closed" session.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Mary Maddox** as their May 2002 Employee of the Month.
- As the speech-language pathologist serving Riverdale Elementary School and Riverdale High School; and, as a long-time resident of the city of Riverdale, Mary Maddox is in a unique position to represent the Fresno County Office of Education at many school and community activities. As a professional and as a parent of Riverdale students, Mary has served on many school committees. She is often the individual to orchestrate Student Study Teams and to help parents, students, and teachers work towards common goals. And, because of her participation in many school and community events, Mary's students are able to see her not only as a speech-language pathologist, but also as a role model.
- Mary has worked for the Fresno County office of Education for 14 years. During this time she has made many outstanding contributions to the students with whom she works. She never accepts some students' routine "shuffle" of just getting by. Instead, she motivates students to stay on the "ball" and work towards achieving their goals and making a positive "change" in their school and in their community. Mary consistently "taps" into her students' interests and strengths in order to help them maximize their educational achievement. Mary focuses her lessons on classroom standards and often provides extra time to students who are in the most need.
- In addition to her value to her students, Mary is an important member of the FCOE speech and language staff. She has volunteered to pilot a new computerized IEP program and will

be trained as a "Trainer of Trainers." Mary knows how to work hard, but also knows how to relax and enjoy time with her colleagues. Together with another speech-language pathologist, for several years Mary has organized the holiday and end-of-year events for the entire Designated Instructional Services Staff.

An avid tap dancer, an outstanding speech-language pathologist, and a valued member of FCOE's special education staff, Mary Maddox has demonstrated that she is well qualified to be honored as FCOE's Employee of the Month.

It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Mary. Congratulations, Mary, for a job well done.

MOVED TO SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Davis
Adopted

The Administration recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution #2002-07—
Proclaiming May 2002 as Better Speech and Hearing Month.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-07, Better Speech and Hearing Month; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Superintendent Mehas recognized all the speech pathologists and commended their dedication to the students they serve in Fresno County.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Superintendent Mehas read a letter received from the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) announcing that Fresno County Office of Education won first place in the 2002 CalSPRA Communications Contest for the PSA category. Superintendent Mehas also received an additional notice announcing that Armen Bacon won first place for Fresno County Office of Education's Annual Report – "*No Child Left Behind*" entry. Superintendent Mehas congratulated Armen Bacon, Jennifer Quinn, Peggy Stathem, and Susan Halbert and Char Nunn for all of their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Bacon thanked Superintendent Mehas, Board members and everyone in the audience.

The Board recessed at 1:43 p.m. and reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Recess

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Technology & Learning
Resources

Ellis Vance, Director, Technology & Learning Resources, recognized students and teachers from Scandanavian Middle School for excellence in teaching and learning and presented each with certificates of recognition from State Superintendent Delaine Eastin.

Mr. Vance also presented information regarding the California Student Technology Showcase.

The Board thanked Mr. Vance, teachers, and students for their presentation.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION
Resolution #2002-18,
Public Schools Week
Adopted

Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested the board consider adopting Resolution #2002-18 whereby the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent proclaim the week of April 15-19, 2002 as Public Schools Week.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-18, Public Schools Week; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-11, In the Matter of Calling an

Jan Biggs requested the board consider adopting Resolution #2002-11, In the Matter of Calling an Election to Fill Seats on the Fresno County Board of Education

Election to Fill Seats on the Fresno County Board of Education
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution #2002-11, In the Matter of Calling an Election to Fill Seats on the Fresno County Board of Education; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Media for Consideration Discussion

Dr. Gregory presented media for consideration – First Reading. The board acknowledged the media presented for consideration.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING
(closed session)
Fresno Unified Student

The hearing was called to order at 2:10 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: parents and student. Robert Harris, Executive Director, Student Discipline Department as well as Kevin Torosian, Hearing Specialist, Fresno Unified School District.

Vice President Thomas reviewed the process by which the Board would base their decision.

Board members sought responses from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 2:33 p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to uphold the expulsion; seconded by Member Clyde.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist		Y
Member Francis	Y	
Member Clyde		Y
Vice President Thomas		Y
President Tannenbaum		Absent

Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into open session at 2:34 p.m.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
(CONTINUED)

Janie Rocheford presented information regarding the Read by 9 Program and video

Read by 9 Program and Video Streaming Technology

streaming technology. Ms. Rocheford presented information regarding video streaming technology that gives users the ability to download or stream over 1200 educational video titles and more than 10,000 video clips from United Learning.

Ms. Rocheford announced that the month of April is National School Library Media Month and in recognition of this, Ms. Rocheford presented each board member with gift bags containing storybooks and items that Board members can take to schools when asked to read to students at various schools.

The Board thanked Dr. Gregory and Ms. Rocheford.

**MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP**

Resolution #2002-17, In the Matter of Establishing Inclusion of the Madera County Office of Education as a Member of Fresno ROP Adopted

The administration recommends adopting Resolution #2002-17, requesting permission for Madera County Office of Education/Vocational Center to join the Fresno Metropolitan Regional Occupational Center/Program.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-17, In the Matter of Establishing Inclusion of the Madera County Office of Education/Vocational Center as a Member of Fresno ROP; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Ratification of January 16, 2002 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes Approved

The Administration recommends ratifying the approved minutes of January 16, 2002 ROP Advisory Board of Management regular meeting.

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the January 16, 2002 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Comments by Vice President Thomas

Vice President Thomas thanked Bud Stuart for the ROP Advisory Night dinner on Wednesday, April 17 and for honoring Delbert Cederquist with the Bill Noli Award.

**MOVED TO:
BUSINESS**

Fresno County Office of Superintendent of School's Initial Proposal to Classified Bargaining Unit for 2002-2003 School Year—First Hearing Acknowledged

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board acknowledge the Fresno County Superintendent of School's Initial Proposal to Classified Bargaining Unit for the 2002-2003 School Year—First Hearing.

Member Cederquist moved to acknowledge the Fresno County Superintendent of School's Initial Proposal to Classified Bargaining Unit for the 2002-2003 School Year – First Hearing; seconded by member Clyde; motion carried.

Public Hearing on Classified Bargaining Unit's Initial Proposal for the 2002-2003 School Year – First Hearing

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board acknowledge the Public Hearing on the Classified Bargaining Unit's Initial Proposal for the 2002-2003 School Year – First Hearing; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Member Clyde moved to acknowledge the Public Hearing on the Classified Bargaining Unit's Initial Proposal for the 2002-2003 School Year – First Hearing; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Government Purchasing Alliance (GPA)/Los Angeles County Contract

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider approving participation in the Government Purchasing Alliance (GPA)/Los Angeles County Contract #41421 with Office

#41421 with Office Depot Approved	Depot.
Award Scout Island Improvements – Phase I Bid Approved	Deputy Superintendent Pietro gave each Board member a handout of the Scout Island program and site plan for Phase I to be completed by June 1. Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider awarding the Scout Island Improvements – Phase I Bid to the lowest possible bidder.
Ratify the Bid and Award Site Work for New Relocatables at Teilman Approved	Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider ratifying the bid award and contract for the “Site Work for Relocatable Classroom Buildings Teilman Educational Center Project” bid.
MOVED TO: PERSONNEL Resolution #2002-15. Early Retirement (PERS) – Washington Union HS Adopted	Member Cederquist moved to ratify the bid and award site work for new relocatables at Teilman; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried. Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-15, which establishes a designated period to allow classified employees to obtain an additional two (2) years of service credit in Washington Union High School.
Resolution #2002-16, Early Retirement (PERS) – Clovis USD Adopted	Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-15, Early Retirement (PERS) – Washington Union High School; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried. Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-16, which establishes a designated period to allow classified employees to obtain an additional two (2) years of service credit in Clovis Unified School District.
MOVED TO: TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES	
Approval of Meetings to Attend	None.
Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members	Vice President Thomas presented the quarterly mileage expense reimbursement claims for county board meetings for approval. Member Cederquist (\$24.84); Member Clyde (\$124.20); Member Francis (\$14.49); Member Tannenbaum (\$24.84); and Member Thomas (\$30). Member Francis moved to approve the quarterly mileage expense reimbursement for county board meeting from Board members; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
Receipt of Correspondence	None.
Comments by Board Members	Member Francis discussed the possibility of raising the travel budget for each Board member to \$2,500. Superintendent Mehas requested the board table the issue until the budget revise on May 15, 2002. The travel budget will be brought forth for discussion at the next board meeting in May.

Member Thomas requested a copy of the comparative report (distributed at the February board meeting) regarding travel budgets for various COE's in California.

Meetings Attended

Vice President Thomas attended the CCBE Legislative Committee meeting in Monterey in May and the President's Commission meeting in Los Angeles and provided a copy of her testimony to each board member.

Reports:

Vice President Thomas gave the Board an update regarding the possibility of a meeting with Assembly Member Reyes. Vice President Thomas advised the Board that it has been difficult to arrange a meeting due to Ms. Reyes' busy schedule and suggested that when Assembly Member Reyes visits the County Office on May 3 at 9 a.m. at the Ramacher site that 2 members of the board meet with her and Superintendent Mehas.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- Minarets High School Update
Jan Biggs and Member Clyde gave the board a brief update regarding current issues. Next court hearing in early May.
- West Fresno Update
Criminal Conviction of Former Superintendent of West Fresno
Pending Litigation by Former Superintendent of West Fresno
Meeting with West Fresno teachers went well and teachers were very appreciative of information.
E-Rate Update
- Update Mayor's Trustee Proposal
- National Cowboy Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony in Oklahoma City
- Bud Steuart's Retirement on May 15 – Bill Noli Patio
- House of Hope Financial Problems
- Teachers of Tomorrow Scholarship Awards Luncheon – Roger Rodka's on May 9 at 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, CTA President, reported on the following:

- Make a Wish Walk-a-Thon
- Negotiations

FUTURE AGENDAS

AB 2093 Resolution

ADJOURNMENT
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.